

ANS Correspondence

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M. Michel L. Kambanis
32 Rue Stourmaria
Athens, Greece

Dear M. Kambanis:

This will introduce to you Professor Allen B. West, a member of our Society and a gentleman interested in the coinage of the Chalcidic Peninsula and the neighboring districts of Macedonia and Thrace. He is to be in Athens during the coming winter studying the epigraphical material there and both Mr. Newell and I hope that it will be possible for you to furnish him with casts of any coins which would be of interest either to him, to Mr. Newell, or to myself. He could then send these casts to us and in the event that there is something we want, we can send the amount involved either directly to him or to you and you can deliver the coins to him and he send them on to us through the agency of someone who may be returning to New York from the School.

You will find Professor West very well informed and I am sure that you will enjoy meeting him and talking over with him any questions regarding coins which you may have in your collection.

May I add that my article on the Mendel hoard is at last approaching completion and I hope to be able to send copies to your brother and yourself before many months are passed. Have any new types or combinations of dies come to your notice, or do you know of any considerable lot that has come into the market from this district? Mr. Empedocles wrote me that he had obtained four tetradrachms and the four which appeared in the Sotheby Sale held last winter make me believe that another portion of the hoard has been disposed of by the peasant finders. If you have any information I should appreciate your passing it on to Professor West who will write me.

With cordial greetings to your brother and yourself, I am

Very sincerely yours

April 13th, 1926

M. Michel L. Kambanis
32 rue Stourmaru
Athens, Greece

Dear M. Kambanis:

Under separate cover, I am sending you two copies of the Mende article. You will note that I have indicated the pieces as being In Commerce with letters after them. Those in your possession are indicated as Commerce (A).

I wish I might be in Athens again for a week or so. I know I should spend a considerable portion of it in your office.

Thank you for all you did to help me with the monograph.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

Α. Λ. ΚΑΜΠΑΝΗΣ
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M. L. Kambanis

28 rue Stourmaria

Athènes le 18 Nov. 1929.

cher Monsieur Noe,

Je me permets de vous adresser par ce même
courrier trois exemplaires (pour vous et vos amis qui
s'intéressent aux monnaies d'Athènes) de quelques notes
que j'ai publiées sur le classement chronologique de
monnaies d'Athènes du nouveau style (series des
magistrats).

Pour aboutir à un résultat positif il m'est nécessaire
d'avoir le maximum d'empreintes sous la main. Presque
l'ensemble des tétradrachmes existants, il m'est pour le
moment absolument impossible de visiter l'Amérique
et je dois me réserver ce plaisir pour venir collationner
mon travail une fois achevé. En attendant vous me
rendriez un grand plaisir de vouloir bien me faire
avoir le maximum des empreintes possible des tétradrachmes
(inutile de vous occuper de drachmes) existants dans les
collections officielles ou privées d'Amérique, sur cire ou
cacheter ou plâtre, me réservant de vous faire
parvenir le montant des frais que vous voudrez bien
faire dans ce but.

Je sais combien cette demande vous donnera de la
peine et j'en suis confus, mais j'espère que vous voudrez
bien admettre que un tel abus de votre amabilité m'est
nécessairement imposé par les circonstances.

En vous remerciant d'avance je suis

Votre bien dévoué

M. Kambanis

December 9th 1929

Mr. M. L. Kambanis
28 rue Stournara
Athens, Greece

Dear Mr. Kambanis:

Your letter is at hand and I have been much interested in your article. The chief collection of these coins in America, is, of course, that belonging to Mr. Newell.

Owing to the enlargement of our Museum we have been very much in disorder during the past summer so that it has been practically impossible to do any work of a scientific nature. In consequence, requests for casts from the British Museum and from another numismatist, have had to be put aside and they therefore precede yours. May I ask whether it would be possible for you to consider as an alternative having these later Tetradrachms of Athens recorded photographically? This would enable you to make comparisons, and where you desire casts in presumably small percentage of instances, we could make them for you later. I think this could be done so that your need will be met, and I hope this suggestion will appeal to you.

May I mention in passing that we have recently had a considerable number of these new style Tetradrachms sent us by Spink, as you may have already seen, and I feel sure, from my experience with that firm in connection with my work on Metopontum, that they would send them to you if you would request them to do so. I should judge that they had at least forty of these coins in the lot that I saw.

Awaiting your reply, and with assurances of my cordial regard, I beg to subscribe myself,

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Nov. 21, 1930

M. Michael Kambanis
Rue Stournara 28
Athens, Greece

Dear M. Kambanis:

Herewith I am sending you the photographs of the Athenian new style tetradrachms which Mr. Newell has had made from the coins in his collection. In order to expedite matters, because he has not yet returned to New York City, I offered to ~~add~~ the letters on the amphora which you desired, as well as those beneath the amphora, the former being on the left of the illustration and the other on the right. I hope these will provide you the information you want, and if there is any question, I should be glad to try to answer it for you.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

p. 3. A plate with a few additional coins will be sent you in the course of a few days.

Dec. 2, 1930

M. Michael Kambanis
Rue Stournara 28
Athens, Greece

Dear M. Kambanis:

Herewith I am sending the additional photographic plates of which I wrote in my letter of a few days ago. There have been seven plates in all and the cost of having these prepared is approximately \$27.00. I hope this amount will not seem exorbitant to you, and that the prints will meet the need of your problem.

I wish very much that it might be possible for me to look in upon you in your office in Athens. We should appreciate a word from you occasionally as to any rarities that come into your possession. If you had casts or reproductions of them available that would add to the interest.

With cordial regards and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, I beg to subscrib myself,

Very cordially yours,

Secretary.